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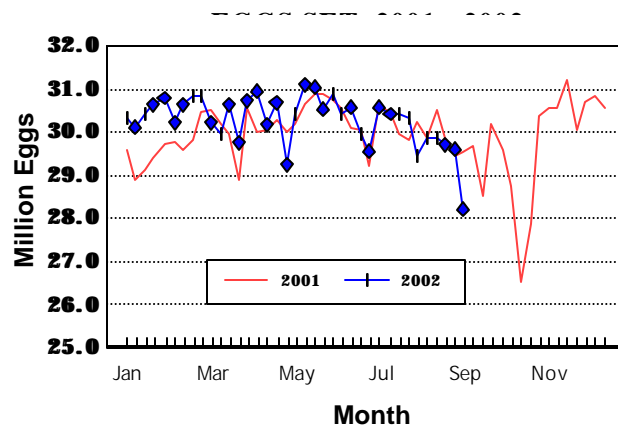
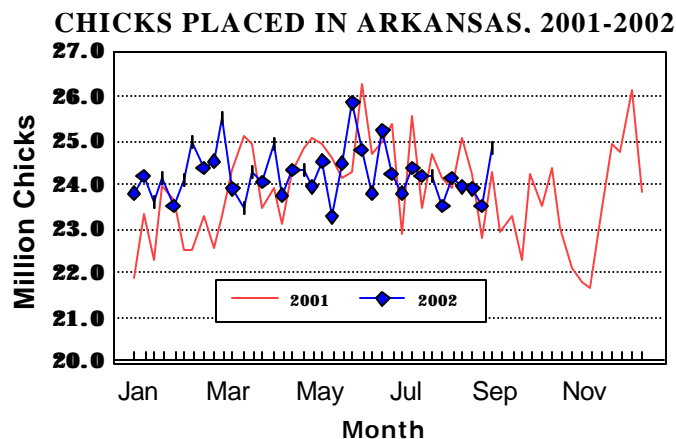
ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending September 14, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and up 5 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 14, 2002 were 896.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.6 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries set 28.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 14, 2002, down 5 percent from both the same period last year, and the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 10	24,142	23,510	97	24,975	25,045	100	30,204	29,454	98
Aug. 17	23,905	24,158	101	24,749	25,003	101	29,880	29,877	100
Aug. 24	25,069	23,964	96	24,436	24,832	102	30,519	29,869	98
Aug. 31	24,256	23,913	99	24,889	24,211	97	29,887	29,734	99
Sep. 7	22,787	23,546	103	24,665	24,487	99	29,469	29,592	100
Sep. 14	24,293	24,824	102	25,249	24,588	97	29,579	28,216	95



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	%	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	%
Alabama	28,908 *	29,353	28,871	28,010	98	22,225	22,570	22,617	21,576	22,701 *	21,866	102
ARKANSAS	29,869	29,734	29,592	28,216	95	23,510	24,158	23,964	23,913	23,546	24,824	102
Delaware	3,451	3,421	3,480	3,356	109	4,883	5,696	4,806	5,511	5,394	5,000	91
Florida	2,250	2,101	2,166	2,166	97	2,312	2,111	2,136	2,126	2,222	1,938	92
Georgia	31,518	31,553	32,029	30,053	96	25,785	25,824	25,541	25,827	25,074 *	25,860	101
Kentucky	6,861	6,493	6,290	6,385	110	5,510	5,347	5,361	5,384	5,459	5,563	106
Maryland	9,862	10,049	8,952	9,062	108	6,251	5,749	6,291	6,255	6,270	6,078	116
Mississippi	18,706	18,516	18,560	17,683	102	15,657	15,854	15,989	15,956	15,940	15,372	98
N. Carolina	18,188 *	17,740	18,074	17,001	103	14,366	14,629	15,099	14,679	14,700	14,308	99
Oklahoma	6,697	6,663	6,685	6,652	111	5,014	3,941	4,751	4,143	4,742	4,136	92
Pennsylvania	3,759	3,655 *	3,722	3,540	90	2,801	2,680	2,774	2,746 *	2,770	2,759	98
S. Carolina	5,070	4,864	4,925	4,937	103	4,005	4,286	3,786	4,118	3,827	4,111	108
Texas	13,531	14,350	15,198	14,687	111	11,658	11,633	11,731	11,155	11,426	10,575	91
Virginia	6,300	6,354	6,227 *	5,809	112	5,671	4,722	5,419	4,613	4,611	5,422	90
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	19,964 *	19,590 *	19,545 *	16,887	90	18,508	18,284	17,574 *	18,614 *	18,601 *	18,717	96
Total 2002	204,934 *	204,436 *	204,316 *	194,444		168,156	167,484	167,839 *	166,616 *	167,283 *	166,529	
Total 2001	207,346	204,622	198,093	194,686		168,196	165,060	167,386	165,420	167,090	167,537	
% Prev. Year	99	100	103	100		100	101	100	101	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 194 million eggs during the week ending September 14, 2002. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 2002. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 14, 2002 were 6.28 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.